

Status of Claims

1. Claims 1-33 and 35-41 have been allowed.

Reasons for Allowance

2. See the USPTO Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences decision mailed December 30, 2009.

Conclusion

3. Any comments considered necessary by Applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."
4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Evens J. Augustin whose telephone number is (571) 272-6860. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 10:00 AM-7:00 PM.
5. If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Andrew Fischer, can be reached at (571) 272-6779.

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